



Countdown to the wing fitness test: 7 days

Briefly

Medical group closed

The 49th Medical Group will close at 3 p.m., Feb. 27 for the wing fitness test.

One-stop shop

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is now available all day, every day by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Thrift Store sale

There is a Thrift Store sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. Regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignment hours are 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. When donating furniture or large items, call the manager at 479-4342 to ensure space availability.

Middle-Two

The Holloman Middle-Two welcomes Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Gerald Murray to this month's meeting at 9:30 a.m., Feb. 27 in the ballroom of the community center.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Exercise, exercise, exercise

Staff Sgt. Scott Nadeau, 49th Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron Exercise Evaluation Team member, discusses proper evacuation procedures Monday with Maj. (Chap.) Philip Llanos. The base conducted an anti-terrorism exercise Feb. 9 to 11.

Young firefighter's dreams come true

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Team Holloman member, also the youngest volunteer firefighter at Oro Vista Volunteer Fire Department, was named one of New Mexico's top two youth volunteers by capturing the Prudential Spirit of Community award Feb. 3.

Community spirit fills the heart of 13-year-old Ms. Nicole Cox, an eighth grader at Mountain View Middle School, and a volunteer firefighter whose small feet fill big boots.

"It's a great feeling to know that I'm helping the community and giving back," she said. "When calls come to the fire house, I'm proud to be a part of the team that saves lives and helps people."

Nicole said watching a television show about emergency response teams inspired her to pursue firefighting, and since that day she dreams of being a firefighter and an emergency medical technician.

That dream came true when Nicole and her Girl Scout troop visited the Oro Vista fire house.

Mr. Terry Muller, Oro Vista fire chief, gave the girls a tour and an extinguisher training class. After the tour and training, Nicole asked the fire chief if the department had programs for younger people to participate in.

She was disappointed when the answer was no, but Mr. Muller offered to start a program if she was interested.

"When I told Nicole she could be a part of the Oro Vista crew, she glowed," he said. "At the same time, I told her there were some strings attached, but 'Little Bit' has proven no strings need to be attached because she is reliable, trustworthy and responsible. I have no

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High: 62
Low: 32
TODAY



High: 59
Low: 30
SATURDAY



High: 60
Low: 29
SUNDAY



High: 60
Low: 36
MONDAY

Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Let it snow
Snow accumulated on an F-15C parked at Holloman’s Heritage Park Feb. 13. The 49th Operations Support Squadron Combat Weather Team counted a minimal amount of snow. The park’s static displays will be moved to the new location Feb. 28 to 29 and March 6 to 7. People may experience traffic delays and detours at the intersections of New Mexico Ave, First Street, Second Street, Fourth Street, Fifth Street surrounding Heritage Park and New Mexico Avenue, Tabosa Avenue, and Arizona Avenue.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	4
DUIs this year	15
This week last year	10

Last six DUIs

• 8th AMU	Feb. 16
• 49 MMS	Feb. 13
• 49 LRS	Feb. 8
• 49 CS	Feb. 7
• 49 CS	Feb. 2
• 49 MMS	Feb. 1

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

224 Saves this year

8 Saves this week

Holloman Hotline 572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail *cc. hotline@holloman.af.mil*. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out

the problem. If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

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- Medical clinic2-5991
- Finance2-5107
- Services2-3528
- Commissary2-5127
- Fraud, waste and abuse2-3713
- BX479-6164

Volunteers

Q: I’d like to complain about the “so-called” old folks that work in the re-fill prescriptions section at the clinic. People get belligerent and it’s been going on for a long time. A lady who works there has a volunteer that takes verbal abuse from customers who are very unhappy about having to wait for their prescriptions. Even though they’re ill, they’re getting medication for free. Can or has anything been done about this issue?

A: Thank you for your moral support and concern. Our volunteers are extremely important and are critical to many areas of our clinic and we appreciate an extra hand, especially in the pharmacy. We are working to decrease pharmacy wait times, but we walk a fine line between short waits and absolutely correct prescriptions. To those who ask, what has changed, that we used to always get prescriptions in 10 to 15 minutes, I’d like to provide the other side of the story: We have less manning to fill prescriptions than ever before. Automated filling processes help speed things up, but the combination of

fewer people and more stringent quality control requirements amount to longer wait times.

So, I ask for your help. If you have time, volunteer to assist at the pharmacy, or anywhere else on base. We’d be happy to have your expertise! You might even be able to help us with a solution! We’ll fill the prescription as quickly as is safely and humanly possible.

I guarantee all of our customers that there isn’t anyone “slacking” or purposely holding up the filling of your prescription! All of our pharmacy folks, whether military, civilian, or volunteers, are working hard to get things done right. If you don’t believe me, volunteer to help them, and you’ll see what I mean!

Once again, my most sincere thanks to our volunteers who give their precious time to help us and our customers. I would hope that some of our customers might consider saying thank you to these great Americans!

We ask for your patience and courtesy toward our staff until we can hire additional personnel and decrease the wait time. The goal is to get you the right prescription, in the right dosage and quantity.



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Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

Eighth grader, Nicole Cox poses in full gear at Oro Vista Volunteer Fire Department. Nicole won the Prudential Spirit of Community award for her work in community service.

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doubts Nicole will fulfill whatever dreams she has. Right now, it's fire fighting. If she stays with the fire service, she'll achieve her goals and not only become a career firefighter, but a fire chief."

During a recent fire, Nicole helped setup a rehabilitation area, changed air tanks for her crew and provided first-aid care.

"It's important to belong to a volunteer fire department or another organization because serving the community is something everyone should do," she said. "If we can help one person, then it's worth all the hours of training."

Nicole has trained with the other firefighters, accomplishing the same training requirements and at the same time excelled in the classroom.

According to Mom, Mrs. Kim Cox, school comes first.

Mom doesn't need to worry because Nicole is a National Junior Honor Society member, enrolled in four honor classes and is a straight "A" student. Nicole connects school with her

love for fire fighting. Essays, journals and science fair projects at school revolve around fire fighting and experiences at the department.

Even at home she surrounds herself with her dream. According to Dad, Tech. Sgt. Jessie Cox, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron Structures Shop, Nicole's bedroom looks like a fire truck museum.

While Nicole is living her dreams, the Prudential Spirit of Community award is icing on the cake, she said.

"I'm just doing what I love," she added.

The award is a nationwide program honoring young people for volunteering. Nicole, as a state honoree, will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C., where she'll represent New Mexico in the national award recognition. Nicole was selected out of 20,000 other New Mexico students.

For more information about the spirit award, log on to www.prudential.com/spirit.

Fight tooth decay with sealants

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and the Holloman Dental Clinic wants parents to know that dental sealants can help protect their children's teeth from tooth decay.

"A sealant is a clear or white material that is applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth, where decay occurs most often," said Staff Sgt. Mara Laffitte, 49th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Flight perio therapist. "The sealant acts as a barrier, protecting the decay-prone areas of the back teeth from a sticky film of bacteria called plaque."

Depressions and grooves in the chewing surfaces of the back teeth are difficult to keep clean because toothbrush bristles can't reach into them.

The sealant forms a thin covering that keeps out plaque and food and decreases the risk of decay.

Each tooth takes only a few minutes to seal. After cleaning the teeth that will be sealed, the dentist conditions the chewing surface to help the sealant adhere to the tooth.

The sealant is then applied to the tooth enamel, where it covers and protects the tooth against bacteria.

"While sealants remain intact, the tooth surface will be protected from decay," said Capt. Aries Garnir, 49th MDOS Dental Flight preventative dentistry officer. "They hold up well under the force of normal chewing."

Although sealants may last several years before reapplication, regular checkups are important so the dentist can examine the child's teeth, gums



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Capt. (Dr.) Cliff Bailey keeps Holloman healthy one tooth at a time.

and sealants.

For more information, contact the Holloman's dental clinic at 572-3742.

SEPM promotes equal opportunities

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

One Team Holloman member is helping others find employment through the Black Employment Special Emphasis Program.

Ms. Linda Robinson, Holloman's Black Employment Program manager, has been a member of the affirmative employment program since 1992.

"I volunteered for this collateral duty as a way to aid managers in job structuring as a means to prevent under-representation," Ms. Robinson said. "My goal is to promote equal employment opportunities."

Every year, Ms. Robinson is involved in Holloman's summer hire program.

To get job vacancy information to the public, she takes openings to local high schools, colleges and churches.

"I speak to potential employees from the local community to explain the categories of employment for current job vacancies," she said.

In the past, Ms. Robinson has also sponsored resume workshops to review and edit resumes for these positions.

"Resume workshops are a way to give that person a start in the hopes of bringing them on," Ms. Robinson said. "After that, it's up to

the person to sell themselves and to have the experience necessary to get the position."

Through her recruiting efforts, many high school and college students were hired. Her success has greatly benefited the program, said Mr. James Rogers, Special Emphasis Employment Programs manager.

"Through her many years of experience, she offers continuity and strength to her program," Mr. Rogers said. "She has been available to assist and guide the junior program managers."

According to Ms. Robinson, the goal of the Special Emphasis Programs is to improve minority status on base. This applies to all minorities, including women, Hispanics, Asian-Americans, American Indians and people with disabilities.

Each minority group has their own Special Emphasis Program managers, who are appointed by the 49th Fighter Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt.

"My work as a Special Emphasis Program manager has allowed me to do what I love best, which is work with people," Ms. Robinson said. "I am looking forward to working with our current personnel staff to reach Holloman's Affirmative Employment goals."

To contact Ms. Robinson about the Black Employment Program, call 572-1214.

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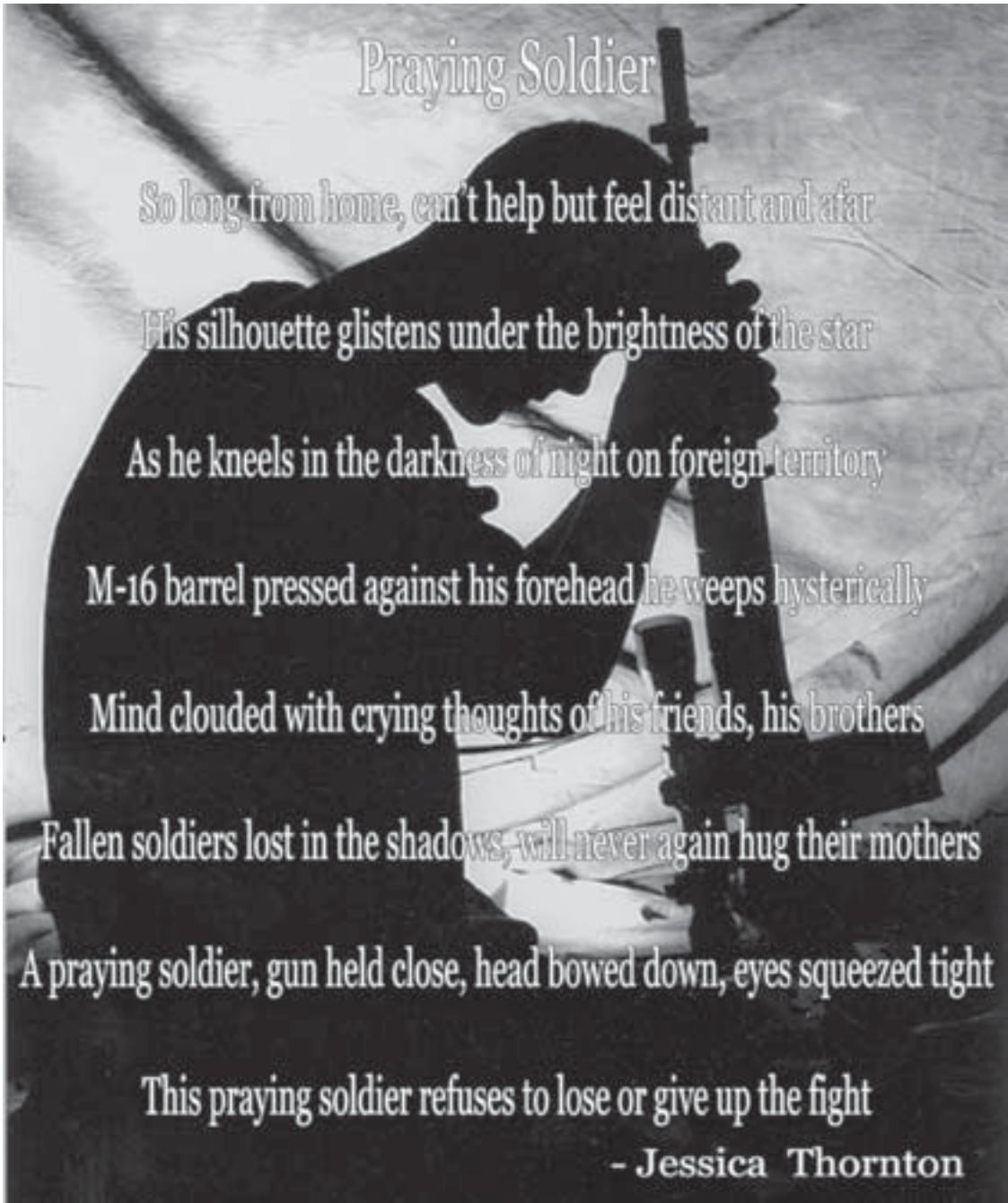
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24. Electrical insulating material
25. Smelly
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27. Military ID number
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Holloman Salutes

The following senior airmen graduated Airman Leadership School Class 04-B ...

49th Security Forces Squadron

Jonathon Bliss
Kelvin Hollman
Thomas Scheide, III

**49th Operations
Support Squadron**

Charles Brown
Khadijah Peterson-Carvalho
Nicole Walton

**49th Logistics
Readiness Squadron**

Adrienne Phillips

**49th Materiel Maintenance
Support Squadron**

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**49th Materiel Maintenance
Squadron**

Loverrz Alford
Frederick Long

**49th Maintenance Operations
Squadron**

Luis Flores

49th Maintenance Squadron

Kevin Bieland
Joseph Davis
Shawn Hyler
Thomas Skinner
Michael Staggs

49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Reynel Lora
Sergio Mendez

49th Aircraft Maintenance

Brian Cofrancesco
Jody Daniels
Matthew Grimes
Thao Nguyen
Eric Stoodt

49th Medical Group

Beverly Risko

417th Weapons Squadron

Melissa Davis

49th Services Squadron

Chad Hepworth
Alana Oliver

53rd Test Group

Staff Sgt. Julie Wilbanks



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Airmen 1st Class Tyler Smerlick (left) and Michael Henderson from the band, Long Road Home, are working to produce a compact disc.

Dorm rats find peace in punk

**by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier**

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's hard to ignore the beat of the drums and the strum of the guitars, all mixed with a touch of frenzied head-banging. It's even harder to ignore the fact that the very music dorm residents may be hearing is coming from the guys next door.

As the nearly 900 dorm residents living at Holloman strive to find an outlet for their interests after hours and on the weekend, three airmen have found a way to express not only their talent, but their love for new-age music.

These airmen form the band Long Road Home that uses a crazed mix of drum-slammimg intertwined with soul-grappling guitars to give the listener not only a unique music experience, said bass guitarist Airman 1st Class Michael Henderson, 49th Comptroller Squadron, but a touch of sound they have never heard before.

"Our band is all about punk

music," Airman Henderson said. "It's not a mainstream type of music, but we love it."

The long road to forming the band began six months ago when Airman Henderson, a Las Vegas native, was introduced to Airman Brett Fontaine, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron. With Airman Fontaine drumming out the type of beat Airman Henderson was searching for, he was introduced to Airman Tyler Smerlick, 49th Maintenance Squadron, and lead guitarist for the band. After meeting each other, the band took off and the name, Airman Fontaine said, became second nature.

"For some people, the name Long Road Home can mean different things," Airman Fontaine said. "For us, it's about being far away from the people we love."

The band's goals are simple - to have fun making music and to cut a CD before the summer with help from a music producer in Las Vegas. Airman Henderson, who has made music his love from the age of 14, befriended

producer Mr. Ted Tom who has a studio in Las Vegas suitable enough for the band's sound. In late February, members will travel to the City of Lights to make their dream possible. As summer draws near, the future of the band is uncertain, said Airman Smerlick.

"We all know this big deployment is coming up in the summer," Airman Smerlick said. "We already know Henderson is heading for Kuwait and Bret and I may be tasked for the upcoming deployment. We would love for the band to keep on jammin' after we get back, but we'll have to see."

With their musical talent out in the open, Airman Henderson said the band is always looking for other bands on base to rock with.

"If we could get other dorm bands or even bands made of military members off base together, we could have a battle of the bands competition or jam session," Airman Henderson said. "I think at least the dorm residents would love that."



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Feb. 10 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 22 tickets: two for driving without a license, one for failure to wear a seatbelt, one for parking at the visitor center for more than 1.5 hours, one for an expired sticker, three for no registration, two for no insurance, one for illegal parking, one for faulty headlights, one for no turn signal, one for driving against the flow of traffic, seven for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding 16 to 20 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Feb. 11 – An airman re-

ported that electronic items were missing from base housing.

- Feb. 12 – An NCO reported his compact disc case, worth approximately \$400, was stolen from building 866.

- Feb. 13 – An airman reported her privately-owned vehicle was scratched between 4:45 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

- Feb. 13 – An airman was in an accident at the main gate when he swerved to miss another vehicle and rolled his truck.

Patrol response

- Feb. 15 – A family member reported a verbal altercation with an NCO because the NCO was causing excessive noise with his motorcycle.

- Feb. 15 – An anonymous caller reported a verbal altercation in base housing.

Civil arrest

- Feb. 15 – An NCO was arrested on Highway 70 for failure to appear in court.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Snow day

Dorm residents built a miniature Air Force snowman at dorm 457 during the snowfall Feb. 13.

MPF hours change

Due to an unexpected vacancy in manning, the Separations and Retirements Element of the Military Personnel Flight must go to an appointment only system from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily until March 15, with limited walk-in hours from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily. Members interested in the new Department of Defense Force Shaping initiative are encouraged to make an appointment at their earliest convenience. This change is effective immediately.

For more information, call the Separations and Retirements Element at 572-3428, 572-1104 or 572-1105.

Emergency system

The 49th Communications Squadron has a contractor installing a new emergency 911 system on base. To guarantee 100 percent accuracy, someone will call Holloman's personnel to request specific information. These individuals will identify themselves as the E911 database administrators and will ask for the following information: phone number being answered, location (street address, building number and room number), organization name and office symbol.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Nora Delosrios at 572-7604.

AETC briefing

The Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team will hold a briefing on becoming an Air Force military training instructor or recruiter at 10 a.m., March 2 in building 222, Room 112. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Senior airmen through master sergeants with less than 17 years total active service are eligible to apply.

Technology expo

The 10th annual Information Technology Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday at the officers' club. There is no fee to attend and all personnel are invited. To pre-register visit <http://www.fedpage.com>. Pre-reg-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Stepping up

Tech. Sgt. Joven Caguait, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, uses a socket wrench to take the reverse osmosis elements out of a tube. Sergeant Caguait was STEP promoted to technical sergeant Jan. 28, by 49th Fighter Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt.

istration is not required to attend but is appreciated. All pre-registered attendees will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win our door prize. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

For more information call (800) 878-2940 ext. 207 or e-mail lindsay@fbcdh.com.

OSI briefing

Headquarters Air Force Office of Special Investigations is conducting a recruiting briefing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 17 at AFOSI Detachment 225. There will be scheduled interviews on March 18 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the same location. Interested individuals should plan on attending on March 17 and should bring a Records Review RIP with them. You can request a RIP

from your orderly room.

For more information on AFOSI special agent duty prior to the team's visit, you can visit the Web site at www.dtic.mil or call DSN 837-3115 or (707) 424-3115.

USAFA opening

The United States Air Force Academy requests the following manning assistance support to assist in the implementation of their Officer Development System:

Qualifications: Any Air Force specialty code, but curriculum experience is a must. Curriculum experience is defined as developing lesson plans, writing lesson plans, using lesson plans, teaching, validating lesson plans, writing tests, etc. Positions are open for one major, two captains, one senior master sergeant or master sergeant,

one technical sergeant or staff sergeant and one staff sergeant.

Interested applicants should send an e-mail to afpc.dpapp@randolph.af.mil as soon as possible.

New York Air Guard

The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, NY, home of the C-130 ski-birds, has Traditional Guard vacancies in the following career fields: 1A1X1, 1A2X1, 1N0X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T0X1, 3C1X1, 3C3X1, 3E0X1, 3E2X1, 3E3X1, 3E4X3, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 3S0X1, 4A0X1, 4A1X1, 4A2X1, 4D0X1, X4N0X1, 4T0X1, and 6C0X1.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Wes Ryerson at DSN 344-2456 or (800) 524-5070 or e-mail Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil.

HOSC scholarships

The Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club awards \$10,000 in scholarships to local students planning to attend an accredited school during the 2004-2005 academic year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$500 to \$3,000 per student. To qualify, applicants must be a spouse or dependent child of an active duty, retired, POW/MIA or deceased military member of the Holloman or White Sands Missile Range communities. Applications are available at the family support center, base education and training services, base library and local high schools. Applications may also be requested by e-mail from Dloriwlsl@aol.com or Immunoz@charter.net. The deadline is March 15.

For more information, call 479-9725 or 479-1019.

Black History events

- Story time: 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday in February at the base library.

- Food tasting: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at the chapel. Donation of \$4 is requested.

- Black movie: Today and Feb. 28 at base theater

- Luncheon: noon, Feb. 27 in the officer's club. The guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Toreaser Steele, AAFES vice commander.

- Gospel extravaganza: 1 to 5 p.m., Feb. 28 in the chapel.

For more information, call Ms. Linda Robinson at 572-1214.

Doughnut sale

Holloman Enlisted Spouses Organization is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for \$8 per dozen until Feb. 27. Deliveries are Feb. 29 and are limited to base housing.

For information, call Ms. Hilary Nunag at 479-9528.

B On the IG SCREEN



Barbershop (PG-13)

7 p.m., today

Deep Impact (PG-13)

7 and 10 p.m., Saturday

House of Sand and Fog (R)

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

What’s going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

Relay for life

The 2004 American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life is April 30 to May 1 at Grigg’s Field in Alamogordo.

The relay kick-off is with the Harlem Ambassadors (formerly the Globetrotters) at 6 p.m., Saturday at the Alamogordo High School Tiger Pit. Tickets are \$5 for ages 18 and under, \$7 for the general public and \$1 more at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the kick-off event, contact Ms. Beth Markle at 479-6026 or eam@zianet.com.

Shuttle Camp

Registration for the New Mexico Museum of Space History’s Shuttle Camp begins March 1.

Shuttle Camp offers classes for children from pre-kindergarten through high school and is held at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Registration for Shuttle Camp is in the museum’s Education Department offices located in the Tombaugh IMAX Dome Theater and Planetarium Building.

To receive a brochure or more information on Shuttle Camp, call the New Mexico Museum of Space History Education Department at 437-2840 or 1-877-333-6589. Registration forms may also be downloaded from the museum’s web site, www.spacefame.org.

Deployed meeting

An open meeting for families and friends of deployed military personnel is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., March 1 and 18 at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center’s private dining room.

For more information, call Ms. Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

Shooting matches

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has an Action Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Saturday and a Practical Pistol Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Sunday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. The matches are open to the public. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663.

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Erven Sweeting, 49th Communications Squadron,(center) snags a rebound as players from the 49th Comptroller Squadron team, Art Castro (left) and Vernon Verschelden, try to take the ball away. The 49th CPTS won 29-27.



Robert Yates, 49th Comptroller Squadron guard, drives past John Sisson, 49th Communications Squadron.

Last-second shot spells doom Communications Squadron falls short

by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A last-second foul on a jump shot by forward Matt Vilshek, 49th Comptroller Squadron, helped his team inch by the 49th Communications Squadron 49-47 Tuesday night during heated intramural basketball action at the Fitness and Sports Center.

CS led the way from the start with two layups, but with a throw down court, the ball was picked off by CPTS guard Aaron Jiron, who rushed it back for a layup. An intense game of rebounds forced both teams to take a defensive stand, leaving the score sitting at 10-7 with 9:40 to go in the first half.

Big scorers began to break out as CS guard Brian Fitzgerald sunk a three-pointer quickly followed by CPTS's downtown shot by guard Robert Yates to tie the game at 14. Consecutive jump shots supplied by CS guard Phillip Chaidez ended the first half 20-16. CPTS coach Art Castro said his team needed to step up the defense.

"We need focus on crisper passes," Coach Castro said. "Just play man-to-man, look

for the open shot and we'll have it."

CS came out of the half blazing with a three by Fitzgerald. The CPTS answered back with an off-balance two by Jiron, putting the score at 23-20 which would last for six minutes.

The clock began to wind down and every jump shot became critical as CPTS's Jiron and guard Castro sunk back-to-back buckets, putting the CS team down by one. CS took possession of the ball once more, sinking a toss up from the paint, putting the CPTS team down by three, 27-24.

CPTS called a time out, knowing all they needed was a key shot with 45 seconds left in the contest. The teams came out of the time-out and, as if a miracle came off the wooden court, CPTS's Vilshek was fouled on a jump shot that tied the game 27 all.

Unsatisfied with a tie, the CPTS team rallied to sink a layup with eight seconds left, putting the team up two for the first time in the game. Unable to answer back, CS forward John Sisson shot off a three, missing the rim and ended the game 29-27.

The Sports Bar

Intramural Standings - Basketball

Large Unit

Team	Win	Loss
49 MXS	8	2
49 OSS A	8	3
49 CES A	7	3
49 SFS	5	4
49 MMG	4	5
9 AMU	4	6
49 MDG	3	6
49 LRS	3	7
8 AMU	2	8

(Current as of Feb. 12)

Small Unit

Team	Win	Loss
46 TG	9	0
49 MMS/FW	8	2
4 SPCS	8	2
746 TS	5	4
49 CES B	5	5
49 OSS B	3	6
49 CS	3	7
49 CONS	3	8
49 MXS	1	10

(Current as of Feb. 12)

Over 30

Team	Win	Loss
49 CES	11	0
49 MDG	8	3
49 LRS	6	4
49 MXS	6	4
46 TG	4	7
49 SFS	3	8
4 SPCS	0	0

(Current as of Feb. 12)

Sports Center

Schedule

Monday

Yoga - 4:30 p.m.
Step Aerobics - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Strength Fusion - 11 a.m.
Hap-Ki Do - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Step Aerobics - 5:30 a.m.
Cycle - 5 p.m.

Thursday

Cardio Kick - 3:30 p.m.
Kung Fu - 8:30 p.m.

Friday

BMT - 5:30 a.m.
Pilates - 4:30 p.m.



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Watch out Larry Bird!

Seventh grader Jennifer Waller, Lady Falcon guard, lays up a two-pointer during the Lady Falcons win over the Mescalero Lady Chiefs Tuesday at Holloman Middle School. This was the last game of the season for the Lady Falcons ending the season with 12 wins and five losses.

'Transformation Flight Plan' gives airmen roadmap to future

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

Air Staff officials have put the finishing touches on the "Transformation Flight Plan," which spells out the future direction of the Air Force.

The TFP, a 176-page document, can be accessed through a link on the Air Force's Internet home page at www.af.mil or on the office of force transformation Web site at www.oft.osd.mil.

"Transformation is using new things and old things in new ways, and achieving truly transformational effects for the joint warfighter," said Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Force director of plans and programs.

In conjunction with joint partners, the Air Force is transforming by making capabilities-based changes in its operational concepts, organizational structures and/or technologies to expand the nation's military capabilities, the general said.

"The flight plan digs down into each of these areas in some detail, then links them all together to present a clear picture of where our Air Force is going in support of combatant commanders," General McNabb said.

Since the flight plan is a "living document," officials plan to update it annually. This version is the second, superseding the one published in May 2002.

"Transformation is a process, a journey, not a destination," said Col. Allison Hickey, of the Air Force plans and programs directorate's future concept development branch. "Transformation describes how we change and adapt our military to meet the new challenges of our changing world, as well as taking

advantage of the dramatic advances in technologies."

The flight plan is a "snapshot in time," Colonel Hickey said, which reflects service leader's thoughts and efforts on transformation.

Besides targeting technology, it also examines transformation in concepts and organization.

Officials hope the flight plan will help Air Force people gain a perspective on the kind of skill sets and abilities they need to develop to help the service achieve its transformational goals.

"The flight plan can help all airmen, as well as our civilian members, understand where we are going and where the Air Force leadership believes emphasis must be placed in the future," said Lt. Col. James McCaw, from the plans and programs directorate's transformation branch.

"It is the one unclassified document that presents an overarching picture of Air Force transformation," he said. "It will help the reader understand where the Air Force is going, and why we chose this path."

Colonel McCaw said the flight plan also illustrates the service is working hard to ensure airmen have the tools necessary to defeat a wide range of new threats and adversaries across the spectrum of conflict.

Because the plan is an update to the 2002 document, action officers within the future concept development branch were able to incorporate several "lessons learned" from operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom to the new edition.

"The Air Force is making great progress in our transformation," Colonel McCaw

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Col. Allison Hickey
Air Force plans and programs

said. "The Air Force has a great head start and will continue to work with (its) colleagues across the Department of Defense to ensure (it continues) to make the whole team better."

The genesis for the Air Force's Transformation Flight Plan is direction from DOD's Transformation Planning Guidance.

"The service transformational roadmaps are a key part of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's strategy of transforming the military," Colonel Hickey said. "The flight plan is a reporting document that enables the secretary to evaluate and interpret the Air Force's (progress) toward transformation."

Colonel McCaw believes the evaluation process will continue for quite some time.

"The U.S. military as a whole has been transforming and adapting throughout its history to ensure it maintains broad and sustained advantages over potential adversaries," he said. "This ongoing transformation continues today and will far into the future."



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at:
https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Shannon Clark

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Vehicle operator apprentice

Time in service: Eight months

Time at Holloman: Six months

Hometown: Altoona, Iowa

Personal and Career goals: My personal and professional goals are intertwined. I'm striving to earn a bachelor's degree and achieve an Air Force commission.

Why is serving in the Air Force important?

The Air Force has given me direction and helped me to discover myself. Plus it's a very noble profession that instills pride in what I do.

What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving?

572-RIDE is a great program. Rather than adding on new ideas, I think what we're doing works well, but we could just build on it.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

Driving for high-profile individuals, including a congressman. Being that close to people, you'd have never thought it possible during basic training.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Airman Clark hit the ground running. In the short time she has been at Holloman, she has accomplished training at the level that is commensurate with the rank of senior airman. Her drive and determination is undeterred and she is a motivational blue print for peers to follow. I'm proud to have her in my squadron. Airman of her caliber are a blessing.

— **Capt. Kissa Powell**

*49th LRS Vehicle Management
 Flight commander*

Air Force NASCAR revs up for new season

by Master Sgt. Charles Ramey
Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

The Air Force will be represented in NASCAR's biggest event when the 2004 Nextel Cup season kicks off at the Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway on Feb. 15. With some of the fastest 2004 preseason track test speeds, the Air Force-sponsored Wood Brothers Racing No. 21 NASCAR team is focused on victory in 2004.

After spending three months moving to a new home, working with a new crew chief and preparing for several new rules that accompany a new cup series, the Wood Brothers Racing team plans to deliver on the track.

"All the changes we've made over the past 53 years don't equal what we've done in the past four months," said Eddie Wood, who co-owns and manages the oldest continuously operating team in NASCAR along with his brother, Len Wood, and sister, Kim Hall. "We've

moved our entire race shop from our home in Stewart, Va., to the Charlotte (N.C.) area and changed a lot of people around. We work extensively with Roush Racing and the move gives us a lot more access to Ford and Roush's engineers."

Besides changes in location, the team has a new leader in the pits with the addition of Ben Leslie, former crew chief for Roush Racing's No. 6 car, driven by Mark Martin.

"It's an honor to represent the Air Force," Mr. Leslie said during a recent track test at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. "We have an incredible group of people who did a bunch of work in off season and it is paying off so far. Everyone is enthusiastic and dedicated and the mindset is exactly where it needs to be. We're a team that's focused on doing the right things and making positive things happen this year for Wood Brothers, our supporters, and for Ricky (Rudd).

"Ricky is a top-notch driver and, with the talent and experience on this team,



Photo by Mr. Larry McTighe

The Air Force Ford-sponsored Wood Brothers No. 21 Ford Taurus, driven by Ricky Rudd, is shown here during a practice run Feb 11. He finished 18th in the Daytona 500 race, which was Feb. 15.

we feel like we owe it to everyone to deliver a car and support from the pits that will win at least one race and put us in the top 10 in points," Mr. Leslie said.

The crew has already delivered. Besides their Daytona qualifier, the team posted the fastest lap in the 2004 record book for preseason testing at the

Daytona International Speedway in January. Driver Ricky Rudd piloted the No. 21 Motorcraft/Air Force Ford Taurus through a 47.753-second/188.470-mph lap. The run is actually faster than Greg Biffle's 47.774-second/188.355-mph 2004 Daytona 500 pole position lap by 0.021 seconds and 0.115 mph. (AFP)

New Web site designed to make PCS moves easier

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

Relocating an Air Force family can be challenging. To ease the strain, Air Force officials recently launched “AF Move,” a Web site designed to put as much moving-related information as possible only a mouse-click away.

“This is an absolutely outstanding Web site,” said Maj. Gen. Craig Rasmussen, Air Force director of logistics readiness. “It is the gold standard for our Air Force personnel to use before, during and after their personal property move has been completed.”

While many units have local sites to help Air Force families in the moving process, this site aims to give people Air Force-level guidance.

“We want this site to become institutional, so that anyone in the Air Force, military or civilian, can go there to search out information,” said Randy Teske, Air Force personal property and passenger

policy traffic management specialist. “Let’s face it, we only move now every three or four years, so we become out of touch because processes and entitlements change.”

The site links users to everything from making permanent-change-of-station moving arrangements to tracking a personally owned vehicle shipment.

“You can go into the carrier industry and trace your shipments,” said Jim McAllister, personal property and passenger policy division chief. “You can even go in and see local laws on certain items that may be restricted.”

Other links connect Air Force families to the claims offices at either end of their move.

“Sometimes our members transfer to an area that’s handled by another branch of military service,” said Sharon Goodson, traffic management specialist. “This gives them not only the phone numbers, but keeps them in touch with Air Force policy, so if they have a ques-

tion, they can go back to what the Air Force requirements are and get back on track.”

The site’s usefulness does not end there. When people use it early in the PCS process, they can plan the move intelligently, Mr. McAllister said.

“We’ve tried to make it one-stop shopping, the best we can,” he said. “It helps you ask the right questions. It may even satisfy all your questions, even before you go in and get personal counseling.”

It also serves as a great tool for remembering what items were briefed during that counseling, Mr. McAllister said.

“You might say to yourself, ‘What was that they were telling me?’ And then you can go to the site and there it is,” Mr. McAllister said.

The site also contains links to a toolbox full of technical information that Air Force personal property specialists can reference. This allows officials to quickly disseminate information to offices in the field and serves as an inval-

uable resource, Mr. McAllister said.

“We’re already starting to get rave reviews from the folks in the field,” he said.

The next time PCS orders drive Air Force members to pack up personal property and head for a new base, <http://afmove.hq.af.mil> can help keep the headaches and hassles to a minimum.

On the side

- Tips for moving:
- Plan to be flexible when selecting a pickup date.
 - Never schedule your pickup on the closing date of your residence, on the day you must vacate an apartment, terminate a lease, or the day a cleaning crew is to start cleaning your quarters.
 - It’s a good idea to leave your phone and other utilities connected until all property has been picked up.
 - Personal property counselors will also be asking you for primary and alternate packing/pickup dates.

Jumper: Character is the foundation of core values

In his *Sight Picture* released Feb. 11, the Air Force chief of staff emphasizes character as the foundation of Air Force core values and accomplishing the mission.

“We have a responsibility to ourselves, the Air Force, and our nation to maintain a team of unquestionable character,” wrote Gen. John P. Jumper in “Character — The Courage to Do the Right Thing.”

The general believes every airman has the responsibility to reflect and enforce Air Force core values, both on and off duty. He added that he expects airmen to correct or report instances of wrongdoing and to support other airmen in adhering to Air Force core values and developing strong personal character.

General Jumper’s *Sight Pic-*

ture offers a practical example of how character applies in everyday performance:

“If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don’t say anything, you are condoning what they are doing,” General Jumper wrote. “Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules, or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations.

“We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture,” General Jumper added. “If we don’t, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women.” (*AFPN*)

AF ready for 2005 BRAC

The Department of Defense published in the *Federal Register* on Feb. 12 the criteria that will be used in selecting installations for the 2005 round of base realignment and closure.

Air Force Director of Installations, Environment and Logistics Nelson F. Gibbs spoke that same morning to the House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on military construction about the state of the Air Force’s BRAC program.

“Air Force professionals at all levels have made great progress to prepare for BRAC 2005,” Mr. Gibbs told the committee in his prepared testimony.

That preparation, Mr. Gibbs said, involved the creation of an Air Force office for basing and infrastructure analysis to act as the focal point for Air Force BRAC 2005 efforts. The major commands followed suit, creating their own offices to support the process, he said.

“Today, there are (more than) 150 full and part-time Air Force professionals engaged in preparing for BRAC 2005,” he said.

Lessons learned from previ-

ous rounds of BRAC will help the Air Force better deal with property that may be affected by the BRAC 2005 round, Mr. Gibbs said.

“The Air Force has made significant progress in transitioning the installations identified for closure or realignment in previous rounds of BRAC,” he said. “Turning to BRAC’s past, the Air Force continues to work with local reuse authorities and other property recipients at each realigned and closed base from the four previous rounds of BRAC to transfer property.”

The Air Force is currently in the process of disposing of more than 87,000 acres at 32 locations, Mr. Gibbs said.

He also told committee members that despite what may be said on the Internet, referring to a fake story that has been circulating for some weeks, no decisions have been made as to what bases will be closed or realigned.

Gibbs said the final list of base closure recommendations will not be available until after May 2005. (*AFPN*)

Jumper said, strategic airlift capability ‘front burner issue’

by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

The Air Force’s senior officer assured members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 10 that maintaining strategic airlift capability is one of the service’s top concerns.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill for the annual service chief’s posture testimony portion of the 2005 Department of Defense Authorization hearings.

Besides acquiring more C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, General Jumper told the committee Air Force officials are studying airlift requirements and looking into upgrading the C-5 Galaxy fleet.

The current mobility requirement is 54.5 million ton-miles per day, General Jumper said. The new study, due for completion in June 2005, will determine if that figure is still valid in today’s contingency-filled world.

“In order to get to that number, we are on the track to get (more) C-17s, plus re-engine and

re-engineer C-5s,” he said. “Part of our work with the C-5s is to see how many ... are capable of being modified — do they have the service life left, have they been overworked, etc.”

The general’s comments were in response to Missouri Sen. James Talent’s concern over the Defense Department’s decision to contract foreign aircraft to help meet America’s airlift needs.

“I find it troubling that 125 times over the last three years, DOD has contracted with the Russians to use AN-124 aircraft ... because we simply don’t have enough of our own,” Senator Talent said.

General Jumper said the study’s goal is to find the right combination of C-17s and modified C-5s to meet the nation’s strategic airlift requirement.

“The work is ongoing. It’s on the front burner,” he said. “The global mobility forces that are out there working every day are indeed the key to our ability to reach out around the world ... I can assure you this is an area of concern for us and we’re going to keep pushing.”

Changes to LES may reduce identity theft

Leave and earning statements for all servicemembers and Defense Department civilians, and paychecks for military retirees will soon have more identity theft protection.

Over the next several weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will drop the first five digits of a person’s Social Security number from all pay statements and checks.

“The changes apply to everyone,” said Patrick Shine, acting director of DFAS. The proposal “originated internally and will be phased in over the next couple of pay periods.”

Reports of identity theft have substantially increased in

recent years, according to the Federal Trade Commission, which monitors the issue.

This doesn’t apply to electronic copies of statements on myPay.

Five years ago, the number of identity theft complaints to the FTC was roughly 23,400. By 2001, the rate had more than tripled to about 86,200. Based on figures released in January, the number of complaints of identity theft nearly topped 215,000 for 2003.

The Social Security Administration also has taken the same step of eliminating the first five Social Security numbers on the millions of checks it issues. *(AFPN)*